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NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN FEW WORDS FOR BUSY READERS.

Record of the *Bay World's Happenings* Carefully Compiled and Put into Handy Shape for the Readers of Our Paper.

ACCIDENTS.

Two persons were killed and seventeen injured in a railway wreck near Jersey City the other day.

The number of deaths from the Alton disaster is now 21 and fully 12 others are expected to die.

Fireman Isaac Scott and Drakeman Houk, of Connelville, Pa., were killed in a collision on the B. & O. road at Ellerslie, Pa. Other train hands were badly hurt.

A large flight of people belonging to Pawtucket, R. I., was struck by a locomotive on the Providence & Worcester railroad. Eight persons were instantly killed and sixteen injured, about ten fatally.

PERSONALS.

Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist, is the latest aspirant for the stage.

The Infanta Teodora, of Spain, will not open the Chicago World's Fair as expected.

It is stated in London that Prince George of Wales will marry Princess May of Teck, during the second week of April.

It is reported in Vienna that the Czar will assume the title of Emperor of Asia as an offset to Queen Victoria's title of Empress of India.

Mr. Sol. White, M. P., proclaimed his loyalty to Britain during the visit of the Governor-General to Windsor, and now the annexation gang have bonced him.

J. G. Gaudaur, the Orilla sculler, has issued a challenge to row any man for the championship of America and a stake of \$1,000 or \$2,500 a side.

John Spaulding, a millionaire bachelor living at the "Baited States" hotel, Boston, has just given eight servants employed in that hotel \$10,000.

CASUALTIES.

William Mulligan, a farmer of Westchester township, committed suicide.

Six persons in East Liverpool, Ohio, were poisoned by eating diseased mutton.

Stephen Neilher, a sailor, when informed in New York that his wife was starving in Germany, blew out his brains.

Three men were killed and two others injured at Saltabanes, Ind., by the explosion of the water works boiler.

One man was killed and four fearfully injured by an explosion of giant powder at Richmond, near Ogden, Utah.

Enoch Boyes, an old and highly esteemed settler of St. Vincent, was thrown recently from his sleigh, run over and killed.

By the breaking of a scaffold on a new building in Chicago, eight men were precipitated to the ground 50 feet below. Frank Ward and Julius Emery were fatally hurt.

Herbert M. Hayden, chief clerk in the auditor's office of the Chicago & North-western railroad, and formerly a well-known steamship captain, was knocked down by a wagon in Chicago and killed.

Jacob Huber's 9-year-old daughter, of Waterloo, Ont., took a self-cocking revolver from a drawer, and pointing it at her 7-year-old brother, said, "I am going to shoot." The revolver dis-charged and the bullet entered the boy's abdomen. He died.

POLITICAL.

The protest against the election of Mr. John Bryson, M. P. for Pontiac, has been dismissed.

The Australian parliament by a vote of 45 to 42 declared its want of confidence in the government.

The State Supreme Court of Illinois has rendered a decision that a woman can vote at school elections.

Socialists and other agitators in France are already preparing to make extensive demonstrations on May day.

The comptroller of New York state announces that the state is practically out of debt, with \$2,448,655 in the treasury.

At the Woman's Suffrage convention in Washington, Susan B. Anthony was elected president and Rev. Anna Shaw vice-president at large.

Despite the remonstrance of the German government, the budget commission of the Reichstag has reduced the naval budget by 1,140,000 marks.

It is semi-officially announced that Great Britain has exchanged explanations with France on the subject of the action taken by Great Britain in requiring the Khedive to dismiss his ministry.

The press has intimated, indirectly, its desire to aid Mr. Gladstone in passing the Home Rule bill in the hope that with Mr. Gladstone's assistance he subsequently will be able to re-establish diplomatic relations with England.

SOURCES.

Six cases of cholera have been reported at Buda Pesth.

THE DEAD.

Baron St. Oswald is dead. Charles Andrew of Copenhagen is dead. Mrs. John Gaynor, of Henfryn, Ont., is dead.

Lord Elphinstone died in Musselburgh, Scotland. William Frederick Campbell (Baron Stratheden and Campbell) is dead; aged 62.

Mr. C. E. Male, of Oshawa, a pioneer of Oddfellowship in Canada, is dead, aged 85.

David Cummings, an old resident of London, is dead. He was born in Dundas, Ont. 70 years ago.

Father Jones, adjutant-general of the Society of Jesus, died at Loyola, Biscay province, Spain.

A dispatch from Zanzibar says that Capt. Nelson, who was with Stanley in Africa, died recently at Kikungu, East Africa.

Julius Eichberg, director of the Boston conservatory of music, which he founded in 1867, and one of the greatest violin teachers in America, died last week aged 69.

The Right Hon. Sir Walter Barttelot, M. P. for Horsham, Sussex, Eng., is dead. Captain Eccles, of Belleville, Ont., is dead, aged 52.

The Hon. John P. Townsend, judge of the Irish high court of admiralty, Dublin, is dead.

Isaac Robinson, proprietor of the Robinson House, at Big Bay Point, Ont., is dead, aged 64.

John Ross is dead in Colorado. He was a resident of Oxford county for many years and served under Col. Sir Allan McNabb during the Mackenzie rebellion. He was aged 70.

William Mulligan, a farmer living near St. Thomas, tried to kill his sister and failed, but he killed himself by shooting.

Arthur Black, a teacher, killed his wife and son and committed suicide at Hove, a suburb of Brighton, England, the other night.

A dispatch from Guatemala says the British legation there has been mobbed and the British Minister's son so seriously beaten that he may die.

Ogilvie Crepeaud, L. L. D., a clever lawyer in Montreal, is said to have been doing a profitable business by cleaning old law stamps and selling them as new.

A baby farm, kept by a negro, and his wife, who have nursed 50 children during the past eighteen years, have been discovered on the outskirts of Hamilton.

In the celebrated graveyard insurance case at St. John, N. B., C. B. Welton and Dr. E. C. Randall were sentenced to five years each in Dorchester penitentiary.

In the United States district court at Albany, N. Y., the grand jury presented an indictment against Dr. John A. Board for smuggling valuable drugs from Canada. This is the celebrated planchette case.

George A. Booth, T. Timony and Harry Young are under arrest at Trenton, charged with setting fire to the Taylor block in that town on November 30. They will be tried at the Belleville assizes on March 4.

At Athens, Ala., Count Von Boeckmar, an exiled German, shot and killed Samuel Daniels whom he charged with unlawful re-surrection. Daniels shot first and missed, then was killed. The count is in jail.

Daniel Coughlin, one of the men sent to Joliet penitentiary in connection with the murder of Dr. Cronin in Chicago, is to have a new trial. Coughlin protests his innocence and is joyful, as he says he will be a free man if he gets a fair trial.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The Essex public school building and furnishings valued at \$11,000, have been destroyed by fire.

Miss Elizabeth Coats, of Philadelphia, was burned to death from her clothes taking fire, and her 3-year-old son, who was in her arms, was badly burned.

The Erie glass works have been burned. Loss, \$50,000; insurance partial.

A building, occupied by Pringle & Clunes, hardware merchants in Guelph, Ontario, has been burned. The loss on the building is \$3,000, with insurance of \$1,000, and on the stock \$10,000 with insurance of \$8,000.

An elevator owned by W. D. MacLeod, with fifteen thousand bushels of grain was burned recently at Alexandria, Ont. Insurance, \$5,500.

Mrs. Weedliffe's fancy goods store, London, Ont., was burned recently. Loss \$7,000; insurance light.

The Pacific hotel, owned by Capt. James Day and lately "occupied by Maurice Joy, was burned at London, Ont. Loss, \$2,500; insured.

The house of Oliver Pattie, Bellaire, Mich., was burned to the ground a few days ago. Three children were roasted to death in the building.

THE LABOR WORLD.

There are over 1,500 unemployed workmen in Quebec city.

The unemployed workmen of Brussels threaten serious disturbances.

The cost of the Homestead riot to the state of Pennsylvania was \$44,519.

The British cabinet has decided to create a labor department in connection with the board of trade.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. M. Decelles, parish priest of Sorel, Que., has been made a bishop.

The case of Dr. Briggs is to be appealed direct to the General Assembly.

The degree making Mr. Stollpi pal delegate to the United States is officially stated to be purely ecclesiastic in character.

Commandant Booth of the Salvation Army, is in Montreal arranging to convert the old Joe Beef canteen on the water front into a shelter for the poor.

Rev. Leroy Hooker, formerly of the Metropolitan church, Toronto, is said to have been received into the presbytery of Chicago, and will take charge of the Fifth Presbyterian church there.

According to a bulletin just issued there are 324 churches in the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States. The churches with their furnishings are valued at \$81,666,317.

An important conference took place here, the members of the Toronto Ministerial association and the members of the Clerical (Anglican) association in the subject of the union of the various denominations. Important addresses were delivered by Revs. Provost, Boly, Principal Caven, Dr. Langtry and Dr. Grant.

SOCIAL.

The report of the reconciliation of ex-King Milan and Queen Natalie of Servia is officially confirmed.

Oscar C. Base, formerly connected with the press of Montreal, and Miss Georgina Newman, sister-in-law of City Editor Gibbons of the Colonial, were married on Friday at Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Heck, of Cole Harbor, Halifax county, N. S., have just celebrated their sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. Herbert Wiswell, who was present at the wedding, was also present 61 years later.

IN GENERAL.

The lease of the London & Port Stanley railway to Cleveland capitalists has been finally closed.

The patent covering the Blake transmitter, in connection with the Bell Telephone company has expired.

The cold throughout Europe continues.

Teams are crossing the Mississippi on the ice at St. Louis.

An ice field 40 miles wide and 200 miles long extends from the mouth of the Danube to the north-eastern coast of Crimea.

St. Thomas and Port Stanley people are moving in the matter of having the harbor perfectly proper to strike as to give 16 feet of water at the wharf.

THE WIFE'S STRIKE.

How Mary Adopted Her Husband's Tactics and the Result Thereof.

The walking delegate never tired of talking of the strike. He held that it was justifiable if ever a strike was, and he was prepared to demonstrate the same.

He asked for arbitration with a view to secure any desired result. He so told his wife, and she seemed to agree with him. It seemed to her to be the easiest way of enforcing a demand.

And that night when he came home he found that the table was not set.

"I want a new dress," she said, when he asked what the trouble was.

"No," she replied, "I'm not bothering me for that dress for a month," he said, "but how about supper?"

"There isn't any," she said. "This is a strike."

"Yes," a general tie-up. I've been trying to secure a desirable settlement of this trouble for some time, but now I mean to enforce my rights."

"Oh, no, you don't," she said. "I can't get you to arbitrate, why, I've got to strike. I don't care if it does block the trade."

"But, Mary, you don't understand."

"Oh, yes, I do. I've made my demands and they have been refused. I've asked for arbitration with a view to compromise, and that has also been refused. A strike is all there is left, and I've struck."

"But your demands are unreasonable."

"Don't think they are."

"You're no judge."

"You're the judge of your own demands when you strike, and I'm just as good a judge as you are when I want something. It's no use talking. This strike is on."

She folded her arms in a determined way, and he subsided. It was, perhaps, half an hour later when he looked up and said:

"It is still on," she replied.

WESTERN WORLD.

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WINNIPEG.

A dappled little man I met As I went up and down. He smiles to all the ladies. For to him that is known. In society he is a favorite. He has such winning ways. Kind words, sweet smiles, his motto. The object being to please.

The Winnipeg City Club are coaching their voices to good times, and time for their series of concerts to come out on the 23rd and 24th inst. Judging from the assiduity with which they are pursuing their practice they will be in perfect trim by that time.

A league of Free Traders is being formed in the city which will embrace all Free Traders irrespective of political or other subjects.

Lovers of music have another rare treat in store for them in connection with Holy Trinity. The practice of Rossini's "Sala Mater" has commenced, and the indications point to splendid performances, after the necessary preparation.

The assessment committee of the city fathers think themselves unfit from the very composition of their body to examine into the questions at issue between ex-mayor McDonald and city assessor Harris, and as a consequence suggest the appointment of a legal tribunal to sit and hear the evidence and deliver judgment in the case. Some local mathematicians have been figuring upon the sum total and difference between a civic and legal body, and an expert has arrived at the conclusion that both are equal to "x," and that "x" equals an unknown quantity.

They say there is luck in odd numbers. If so Winnipeg is in luck this time, as she stands third in volume of post office business for the past year. The order and amount of revenue is as follows according to the report of the auditor-general:

Toronto	\$74,371.72
Montreal	\$33,561.45
Winnipeg	\$28,567.56
Hamilton	\$1,283.67
Ottawa	\$2,022.67
London	\$6,223.15
St. John	\$5,064.10
Victoria	\$6,286.50
St. James	\$3,741.71
Kingston	\$2,079.54
Brandon	14,550.44

Mr. W. A. Macdonald, of Brandon, has been appointed leader of the opposition in our local parliament, and Dr. McPadden, of Emerson, whip of the party.

The Ladies Aid society held a reception in All Saints schoolroom, on Thursday, to give an opportunity to the parishioners to become acquainted with their new minister, the Rev. S. B. Baker.

The executive committee of the prohibition league of Manitoba are to hold a convention in St. Andrews church, Winnipeg, on 23rd and 24th inst., and extend a cordial invitation to all sympathizers to be present.

The bachelor's ball in the Manitoba hotel on Friday night last was a great success, as every one anticipated, and fully sustained the reputation of these "old fogies" in the eyes of the fair sex for their gallantry and hospitality.

PORTAGE DU RAT.

J. M. Savage, Esq., mayor of this town, left on Saturday evening last for a trip east.

On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hall, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cameron, Norman, left for Ottawa and Vankle Hill, Ont., respectively.

Messrs. Charles Sterling and Barnes will skip the rink that represents Portage Curling club at the bonspiel in Winnipeg during the coming week.

Mr. George M. Mitchell is convalescent, after an apparently serious attack of inflammation of the lungs.

The Young People's carnival on Friday evening at the Princess rink was a decided success. The costumes were gorgeous and the prizes handsome.

Colonel Jeff Hledrich, our genial military man, was aroused from his peaceful slumber on Thursday night of last week, by the audacious appearance of a spectral like burglar, who rammed the room at the sudden awakening of the Colonel, and flew his trail circles within which he moved.

He was quelled by his hands were cold, and that he was thinking that the Colonel had just retired, might find some warmth in the pockets of his trousers. True, he did; but he decamped immediately after the repairs with only \$3.15. It is presumed that, either by force of habit or an unintentional branch of the laws of etiquette regarding formal calls, he didn't leave his card.

The C. E. of Rat Portage held a very enjoyable social in Garfield hall on Thursday evening. Games, speeches, and songs constituted the indulgence of the evening.

Mr. C. McDougall, who has been manager for Morrie and Lethbridge, Norman, left on Tuesday morning for Victoria, B. C., where he joins his brother in his business expedition to the Behring sea. Mr. McDougall was exceedingly popular here, and his presence will be greatly missed in social circles within which he moved.

Mr. Hugh McMillan, an old and respected citizen of Rat Portage, crossed the dark river on Saturday of last week. His funeral occurred on Monday following, when the remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of friends and relatives.

Mr. Copeland, Provincial Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Manitoba, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. E. A. Allen, the proprietor of Keewatin Skating rink, gave a fancy dress carnival on Thursday last. The prize was awarded to the one wearing the most comical suit.

Mr. J. Bryson, who has been in the employ of McKay Co., has severed his connection with that firm, and leaves next week for St. Paul.

Mr. M. Brown, of the firm of Rose, Hall and Brown, lumbermen, spent the former part of the week in Winnipeg.

Several of the ward schools were closed for a few days last week, owing to the severity of the weather.

A very very pleasant evening on Friday was indulged in at Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sellers, Keewatin, when they opened their house to let "the sound of revelry" pervade its precincts, as the "beauty and the chivalry" of the triune city "chased the glowing hours with flying feet, till joy was unconfined and sleep was left for morn."

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.
Mr. W. A. Matheson is in town.

Mrs. W. W. Miller has returned from Brandon when she was the guest of Mrs. John W. Fleming.

Mrs. Sheriff McLean will give a dancing party on Friday night next in honor of her sister, Miss Strevell, of Winnipeg.

Our hockey club defeated on Saturday night, the Winnipeg exchange team by a score of 5 to 2. The truth of the matter was that the local boys could play all around the visitors.

The Masonic hall will take place here to-night and no doubt will be the social event of the season and the open house will contain all the fashionable people of the town and many from Winnipeg and other outside points.

Yesterday Mr. J. Macculay, our popular merchant, received a telegram from Northfield, B. C., announcing the sudden death of his brother Angus, who carried on a tailoring business at that point. The deceased was well known here and the many friends of the sorrow stricken family extend their sympathy.

Miss Nellie McDonald gave a fashionable dancing party at her home on Friday night last. The company enjoyed thorough hospitality. Among those present we noticed the Misses Strevell, Hunter, Hultbert, Gunne, Fox, Mawhinney and others, and Messrs. Giles, Morgan, Crisp, Robinson and others.

Miss Jessie Howison gave a lecture last night in Knox church, on "Robert Burns," which proved interesting to the audience. Mrs. George McIvor sang two Scotch songs which called forth much applause. This lady no doubt is the Scottish vocalist of the province as she possesses an unusually simple manner and sweetness of tone.

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J. J. GREENSTREET, EDITOR. VOL. I. No. 18. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1910.

ASPHYXATION

"Asphyxiated by coal gas." This was the verdict brought in by the jury last Thursday, in an inquest held to enquire into the cause of death of a lad, Walter Gordon, who was found dead in bed on the morning before. To many, it seems strange that the victim was the only one who succumbed to the fatal fumes of coal gas which filled the room in which he, his brother and his mother slept. Certain it is that the deadly gas strongly effected those who escaped, as will be seen in our report of their evidence given at the inquest. A deadly stupor must have overcome them, as from an early hour on Monday night till the following Wednesday morning, they slept on, and when at last they awoke from their death like sleep, it was difficult to persuade them that more than thirty-four hours had past, since they were last awake. But this is not the only instance where half-breath escapes have come before our notice from the effects of coal gas. Some time ago, our Virren correspondent reported that a case occurred in a family in that town, when all the household came near to losing their lives, and had it not been for one awaking in time to let in the pure air, a feat which he accomplished with the greatest difficulty—all might have shared the fate of the lad who died here on Wednesday—and slept the sleep that knows no waking. Three more narrow escapes have been reported to us during the last two months, and within the last three days a sixth has occurred. Of this latter—in the house of Mr. Bagg— a report appears in another column. Surely with these startling facts in the face, more care and watchfulness for the prevention of their recurrence should be observed in the future. In all cases, as we understand the cause, was the same, and the result has only differed in a matter of degree. In cold weather the inmates of a house, dreading the bitter night, and hoping to keep the temperature up to a certain point, fill the stove with coal the last thing at night, and then, slither with the intention of keeping the fire alight till morning, or else with a very natural dread of burning chimneys in the hours at night, they close off all draughts and dampers, and "turn in" to bed, feeling comparatively secure. The cases that we have just cited show clearly that there is as much danger from asphyxiation as there is from fire, from such sources. But there is no reason why either should be encountered. Every one knows that when fresh fuel is heaped upon a bed of hot coals, gas is certain to be emitted, and a very little care and observation will teach the owner of a stove to what extent it is necessary to open the damper in a stove pipe in order to carry off the superfluous gas before it becomes ignited. To close up the damper entirely is an act of foolhardiness from which many have suffered, and it were better to have a cold house to sleep in in the morning, than to have to fly to doctors and to windows to let in a little breathing air, even if no worse fate befalls them than that.

MORTGAGING GROWING CROPS

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade held in January, the question of chattel mortgages was discussed. In the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the general question of chattel mortgages, and those as they exist in Manitoba, the following decision of interest to many farmers in this country was arrived at: "That no chattel mortgage shall bind an intended or growing crop, except for seed grain, and no growing crop shall be liable to seizure or sale under execution." The mortgaging of growing crops, and even crops before they are sown

is at present allowable by law, which, it is claimed, results in injury to both the individual and the country in general. For the purpose of securing payment for seed grain, the Board of Trade does not object to the mortgage of the crop, but for all other debts it records a protest. The latter part of the clause referred to, is intended as a protection to the farmer, who otherwise might have a forced sale of a growing crop, which would result in a heavy loss to him. If the crop could not be seized until the same is cut and ready for the market, it would be sold at market value, and the owner would realize a fair price, but were the seizure to take place at a time prior to this, it is rightly supposed that the grain would fetch only a nominal price, and the whole of a crop might thus be sacrificed to satisfy a debt only amounting to a small percentage of the actual value of the crop to the grower.

OCCASIONAL NOTES FROM THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

In the House of Commons on Friday, Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the Unionists, spoke at length in favor of extending the debate on the address. He reminded the House that when the Conservatives were in office the Liberals had insisted on longer debates on the address. Mr. Gladstone objected to the manner in which the extension of the debate had been introduced without previous notice. Mr. Balfour replied with spirit that he had not only given notice, but also had debated the question last evening, when the right hon. gentleman opposite was more graciously occupied. This charge had an unexpected effect on the House. The Liberal and Irish members answered with cries of "shame" and "jeu" which completely drowned the opposition cheers. Mr. Balfour paused until the confusion subsided, and then he added that he assumed the right hon. gentleman had been made acquainted with the circumstances of the debate through his colleague (Sir William Harcourt). If the House was to be led by two gentlemen who never communicated with each other, the proceedings would necessarily be conducted with considerable difficulty. (Cries of "oh," "oh," and "ah.") When Mr. Gladstone rose to answer Mr. Balfour he was trembling with indignation. In a voice shaken with anger he thundered out: "With due regard to circumstances and time, I have endeavored to serve the House to the best of my ability. (Loud and prolonged cheers). The right hon. member for East Manchester would have shown better taste, would have better fulfilled the duties of the post which he occupied if he had spared the reference to my agreeable occupation." Repeated cheers followed. Mr. Gladstone's words and the enthusiasm of the demonstration Mr. Balfour rose to speak. He began three times before his voice could be heard. Before he had spoken a dozen audible words the Irish members drowned his voice again with shouts and yells of "oh," "oh," "covenant" and "withdraw." After several minutes of this bedlam, Thomas O'Connor, anti-Parnellite for the Scotland division of Liverpool, rose, apparently to make a point of order. Mr. Balfour yielded to him the floor, and the disorder abated. Mr. O'Connor asked whether or not Gladstone was before the House, and the speaker replied that he understood Mr. Balfour wished to explain. Amid renewed confusion, Mr. Balfour made himself heard sufficiently to inform the House that he had not intended to hurt the feelings of the prime minister; in fact, that this right honorable gentleman was the last person in the House whom he would willingly offend. This apology was received on all sides with prolonged cheers, which turned to laughter as Mr. Balfour added that the "right honorable" to whom more agreeable occupation he had referred, was not the prime minister, but one of his colleagues.

GO AHEAD.

I want to tell you something funny that happened to me this morning, said Spats cheerfully. All right, replied Hunker—Go ahead. I started down street after my laundry, and— You mean you went after your washing, I suppose, Hunker interrupted. I imagine you do not really own a laundry. Of course that's what I mean, said Spats; a trifle less cheerily. Well, I had went— Hunker interrupted him again. Perhaps you mean had gone. Certainly. I had gone but a little ways when— I presume you mean a little way, not a little ways, corrected Hunker. I presume so, admitted Spats, but the cheerfulness was all gone out of his manner. As I was going to say, I had gone but a little way when it happened. It tickled me so I thought I'd just have to lay down and die. Lie down and die, not lay down is the correct form of the verb. Oh, yes, I know; but those kind of crossnesses come natural. Not those kind of errors, my dear boy. Say that kind of errors. But go on with your funny story. I'm getting interested. Are you? Well, I've lost my interest in it. I don't believe there is anything funny in it, after all. Good-day. Now, I wonder if I've offended him! Hunker thought, as Spats strode off— Harper's Bazar.

THE IMPOSSIBLE

Wait, oh, wait till coal is cheap, Wait till love is true, Till promises are made to keep, And notes are paid when due. Wait till the sun grows iteden cold, Wait till your ship comes in, Wait till unweid maids grow old And virtue conquers sin; Wait till life is a happy dream And men are dead as never, Wait till things are what they seem— Wait—and you'll wait forever. —Chicago News-Record.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held at the Central Hotel on Thursday last, to inquire into the case of the death of Walter Gordon, who was found dead in bed on Wednesday morning.

The following jury was sworn in—J. E. Hoy (foreman), G. T. Rogers, W. M. Cuthbert, T. Evans, R. M. Coombs, C. F. Travis, W. J. Dixon, G. Arkell, G. H. Fraser, W. McLeod, J. Harry, Rufus Travis; Dr. Holston, coroner.

After viewing the body of the deceased, and visiting the house where deceased had lived, Dr. Holston stated the case as it had come to his knowledge, and then proceeded to examine the witnesses. Mary Gibbs Gordon, sworn, said:—I live at Elkhorn; am a laundress, worked for Mrs. Jones on Monday last, went to work at eight o'clock in the morning, felt very weak, had some pudding on the Sunday before—George (son) brought it from the Cavanagh Hotel—I and the two children, (George and deceased), ate the pudding cold, there was about a soup plate full. Also had some bread and sweet milk. Felt all right in the afternoon—George and deceased were ill in the evening—Did not feel cold till bed—Children were weak on Monday morning. Went in Central Hotel to work on Monday morning—left deceased in bed. Sent George for him later on, worked all day, but felt ill and vomited. Deceased was the brightest of the three, George was very sick, went home before dark, lighted the fire in stove but it would not burn—the stove smoked. Nelly Stark brought deceased home at about nine o'clock. Deceased looked bright, put him to bed with clothes on. I think he slept all night. I went to bed with him and George. Put enough coal in stove to last all night. Woke up on Wednesday morning and thought it was Tuesday—could not get up at first as my limbs were weak—Felt all right, I woke first, and George got up. I saw that Walter was dead and told George to go and tell Mrs. Jones—There was a little blood on both sides of deceased's nose. Had taken tea and bread on Monday but could not keep them down, also a glass of spirits and water—vomited it up. In reply to the foreman. The fire on Monday evening did not burn up but only smoldered. There was no smoke when I awoke.

George Gordon, sworn, said:—I am twelve years old. I went to Cavanagh on Sunday for milk, and Mrs. Martin gave me a pan of milk and plain pudding—gudding was cold. I ate about a saucer full, a little time after I vomited. I had no pain. I went to Mrs. Jones, (Central Hotel) on Monday, had breakfast there, woke up on Wednesday and thought it was Tuesday. Mother told me to go to Mrs. Jones and say that Walter was dead. Susanna Jones and Nelly Stark corroborated the evidence of the two last witnesses. The jury then brought in a verdict of "asphyxiated by coal gas."

The body was removed to Oak Lake, where it will be buried according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, of which the deceased was a member.

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